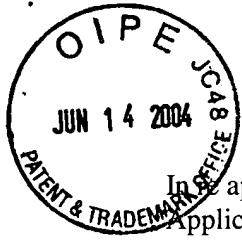


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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for two months:

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	—	=	1	x	\$ 18.00	= \$	18.00
INDEP.	—	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
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Total additional fee for claims required \$18.00



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